

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S765–S805

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 359–373, S.J. Res. 6, S. Res. 55–58, and S. Con. Res. 6.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 56, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 57, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 58, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S. 365, to make a technical amendment to the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002. **Page S791**

Measures Passed:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 102nd Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, commending the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 102nd anniversary. **Pages S803–04**

Measures Considered:

FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 223, to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S768–83**

Adopted:

Rockefeller (for Baucus) Further Modified Amendment No. 75, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S770–77**

Pending:

Rockefeller (for Wyden) Amendment No. 27, to increase the number of test sites in the National Airspace System used for unmanned aerial vehicles and to require one of those test sites to include a significant portion of public lands. **Page S768**

Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 7, to provide for an increase in the number of slots available at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

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Rockefeller (for Ensign) Amendment No. 32, to improve provisions relating to certification and flight standards for military remotely piloted aerial systems in the National Airspace System. **Page S768**

McCain Amendment No. 4, to repeal the essential air service program. **Page S768**

Rockefeller (for Leahy) Amendment No. 50, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, and to clarify the liability protection for volunteer pilots that fly for public benefit. **Page S768**

Reid Amendment No. 54, to allow airports that receive airport improvement grants for the purchase of land to lease the land and develop the land in a manner compatible with noise buffering purposes. **Page S768**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 49, to authorize Dona Ana County, New Mexico, to exchange certain land conveyed to the County for airport purposes. **Page S768**

Udall (NM) Modified Amendment No. 51, to require that all advanced imaging technology used as a primary screening method for passengers be equipped with automatic target recognition software. **Page S768**

Paul Amendment No. 18, to strike the provisions relating to clarifying a memorandum of understanding between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. **Page S768**

Hutchison Further Modified Amendment No. 93 (to Modified Amendment No. 7), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S768, S777–83**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2011; that there then be 2 hours for debate prior to the cloture vote on Inhofe Modified Amendment No. 7 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between the proponents and opponents,

and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be 10 a.m. **Page S804**

Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair, announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senator Baucus, Senator Rockefeller, Senator Conrad, Senator Hatch, and Senator Grassley. **Page S804**

Senator Coats—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, February 17, 2011, Senator Coats be recognized for up to 30 minutes. **Page S804**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Timothy M. Cain, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Scott Wesley Skavdahl, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S804.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress.

NATIONWIDE NETWORK FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine safeguarding our future, focusing on building a nationwide network for first responders, after receiving testimony from Representative King (NY); Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Dover, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Raymond W. Kelly, New York City Police Commissioner, New York, New York; Al H. Gillespie, North Las Vegas Fire Department Chief, Las Vegas, Nevada, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC); and Joseph L. Hanna, Directions, Garland, Texas.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 112th Congress and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Cantwell (Chair), Wyden, Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Sanders, Udall (CO), Shaheen, Franken, Manchin, Coons, Risch, Barrasso, Lee, Paul, Coats, Portman, Hoeven, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests: Senators Wyden (Chair), Johnson (SD), Landrieu, Cantwell, Udall (CO), Shaheen, Franken, Coons, Barrasso, Risch, Lee, Paul, Portman, and Hoeven.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators Udall (CO) (Chair), Landrieu, Sanders, Stabenow, Franken, Manchin, Coons, Burr, Barrasso, Paul, Coats, Portman, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Shaheen (Chair), Wyden, Johnson (SD), Cantwell, Sanders, Stabenow, Manchin, Lee, Risch, Coats, Hoeven, and Corker.